



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Air Cleaners

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notification of rescheduled public meeting.

SUMMARY: On October 18, 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NOPR”) to establish test procedures for air cleaners and to announce a public meeting on November 9, 2022, to discuss the proposal.

(“October 2022 NOPR”) This document announces a change to the public meeting time. Instead of being held from 1 to 4 p.m., the public meeting will now be held from 12 to 3 p.m.

DATES: DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on November 9, 2022, from 12 to 3:00 p.m. See section, “Public Participation,” for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the October 2022 NOPR no later than December 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov under docket number EERE-2021-BT-TP-0036. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2021-BT-TP-0036, by any of the following methods:

(1) *Email* : AirCleaners2021TP0036@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE-2021-BT-TP-0036 in the subject line of the message.

(2) *Postal Mail:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (“CD”), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

(3) *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC, 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies. No telefacsimiles (“faxes”) will be accepted.

Docket: The docket for this activity, which includes *Federal Register* notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

The docket web page can be found at www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2021-BT-TP-0036. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Troy Watson, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (240) 449-9387. E-mail: ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

Ms. Amelia Whiting, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2588. E-mail: Amelia.Whiting@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment, review other public comments and the docket, or participate in a public meeting (if one is held), contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by e-mail: *ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DOE published a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NOPR”) on October 18, 2022, in which DOE proposed to establish definitions, a test procedure, and sampling and representation requirements for air cleaners. 87 FR 63324. DOE proposed a test procedure for measuring the integrated energy factor for air cleaners. The proposed test method references the relevant industry standard, with certain proposed modifications. DOE sought comment from interested parties on the proposal. *Id.*

DOE also announced that it would hold a public meeting via webinar to discuss the October 2022 NOPR on November 9, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. DOE is announcing in this notice a revision to the public meeting time. The public meeting will instead be held on November 9, 2022, from 12 to 3 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Participation in the Webinar

The time and date for the webinar meeting are listed in the **DATES** section at the beginning of this document. Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants are published on DOE's website: *www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/public-meetings-and-comment-deadlines*. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

B. Conduct of the Webinar

DOE will designate a DOE official to preside at the webinar and may also use a professional facilitator to aid discussion. The meeting will not be a judicial or evidentiary-type public hearing, but DOE will conduct it in accordance with section 336 of EPCA (42 U.S.C. 6306). A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings and prepare a transcript. DOE reserves the right to schedule the order of presentations and to establish the procedures governing the conduct of the webinar. There shall not be discussion of proprietary information, costs or prices, market share, or other commercial matters regulated by U.S. anti-trust laws. After the webinar and until the end of the comment period, interested parties may submit further comments on the proceedings and any aspect of the rulemaking.

The webinar will be conducted in an informal, conference style. DOE will present a general overview of the topics addressed in the October 2022 NOPR, allow time for prepared general statements by participants, and encourage all interested parties to share their views on issues affecting the NOPR. Each participant will be allowed to make a general statement (within time limits determined by DOE), before the discussion of specific topics. DOE will permit, as time allows, other participants to comment briefly on any general statements.

At the end of all prepared statements on a topic, DOE will permit participants to clarify their statements briefly. Participants should be prepared to answer questions by DOE and by other participants concerning these issues. DOE representatives may also ask questions of participants concerning other matters relevant to the NOPR. The official conducting the webinar will accept additional comments or questions from those attending, as time permits. The presiding official will announce any further procedural rules or modification of the above procedures that may be needed for the proper conduct of the webinar.

A transcript of the webinar will be included in the docket, which can be viewed as described in the *Docket* section at the beginning of this document. In addition, any person may buy a copy of the transcript from the transcribing reporter. DOE invites public participation in this process through participation in the submission of written comments and information. After the closing of the comment period, DOE will consider all timely-submitted comments and additional information obtained from interested parties, as well as information obtained through further analyses.

Approval of the Office of the Secretary

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this notification of rescheduled public meeting.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 25, 2022, by Francisco Alejandro Moreno, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the *Federal Register*.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2022.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.